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Should We Stay, or Should We Go?

RSU Withdrawal Vote is November 5th

(Lamoine) - As of late September there are no campaign signs and not a lot of buzz around town about an extremely important vote coming up in November. The town will decide finally whether or not to withdraw from Regional School Unit 24.

During the summer, a five person committee studied the financial impact of withdrawal, and issued its final report to the Selectmen the last full week of September. The 5-page report outlines the methodology used to estimate numerous scenarios, including having the RSU remain intact, withdrawing, and remaining while either Ellsworth or Hancock withdraw.

The financial implication for Lamoine is complex. The report concludes that having the RSU remain intact is the least expensive option for the town, but withdrawal and having the town run its own school department while sharing administrative services with other communities may not necessarily be significantly more expensive. Remaining while either Ellsworth, Hancock or both communities withdraw will add some expense to the school budget. The committee report concludes that the decision is best made not solely based on finances, but on educational philosophy. They urge voters to explore whether educationally it makes more sense to be part of a larger school system, or to become a smaller independent school unit.

A public hearing on the referendum is required by state law. That will be held at the Lamoine Consolidated School on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 7PM. Copies of the agreement will be available at the town office and at the public hearing and are posted on the town's website.

The school withdrawal process is extremely complex. After receiving a petition, Lamoine Selectmen put the issue

to referendum in June 2012 where it passed by 80-votes out of 366 cast. That passage triggered formation of a withdrawal committee tasked with reaching a formal withdrawal agreement with RSU 24. That agreement received approval from State Education Commissioner Stephen Bowen in June 2013 who set November 5, 2013 as the referendum date.

Under state law, the number of voters required to cast ballots must exceed 50% of those that voted in the past gubernatorial election for the vote to be valid. In Lamoine, 901 votes were cast in 2010 in the Governor's race, meaning a turnout of at least 451 is required for the 2013 vote to count.

Should fewer than the minimum number of voters turn out, the town would be barred from seeking withdrawal for two years if fewer than 60% of those that do turn out vote in favor of the plan. If more than 60% approve of the withdrawal agreement, potentially a new withdrawal effort could start right away.

As alluded to earlier, the City of Ellsworth and Town of Hancock are going through the exact same process as they seek withdrawal from RSU 24. Public hearings in those two communities are planned on October 24, 2013 as well.

Lamoine's RSU withdrawal agreement has a net, up front cost of \$60,930 that must be paid to RSU 24 if voters approve. This represents the town's share of debt for a school construction project the RSU assumed when the RSU was formed. There are contractual obligations to the RSU which will return the town's proportional amount of surplus.

If the vote passes, the town would have to elect a school board which would develop a budget for 2014/15 town meeting approval.

Gravel Ordinance Lawsuit Prompts Amendment Talks

(Lamoine) - Selectmen and Planning Board members have a better idea about what irks several gravel pit owners about the new ordinance adopted at the March 2013 town meeting. At a special meeting in September, Selectmen listened as the attorney representing four pit owners outlined their concerns with the new rules.

Ed Bearor said the increase to a 100-foot setback and elimination of a potential 10-foot setback put a lot of gravel off limits for extraction, representing a lot of money for the pit owners. They are also concerned about the renewal process which now involves a potentially expensive application, and the requirement for monitoring wells for each 5-acres of permitted extraction area.

The Planning Board, meanwhile, has submitted two proposed amendments to the Selectmen for consideration, one which would allow for a 50-foot setback with abutter agreement and a prior site plan review permit. The other amendment deals with appeals, which was not a concern to pit owners.

Selectmen await further information and will consult with the Planning Board and town attorney Daniel Pileggi before sending any proposal to town meeting.

Benefit Dinner Planned October 13

(Lamoine) - Thankfully few people have to endure what John and Lynn Karst and their high school junior daughter Alex Fitch are going through as the *Quarterly* goes to press. They lost everything in a house fire September 25th. A benefit spaghetti dinner is planned for Sunday, October 13, 2013 at the Lamoine Consolidated School to help the Karst family get back on their feet while they rebuild. The event will include an auction with donations sought for the auction of useful goods and services.

An account is set up at Bangor Savings Bank for those who might be able to make a cash donation. It is also suggested that gift cards might be dropped off at the Lamoine Town Office to assist with things like groceries and clothing.

It was in March 2011 that Lamoine saw fire destroy another family's home, and they too had school aged children involved. Friends organized a dinner and auction that time too, which raised over \$8,000 to benefit the family. Lynn's cousin Kim Fitch is organizing the event.



*Mutual aid firefighters battle the September 25, 2013 blaze at the John & Lynn Karst home at 239 Walker Road. No people were injured, but the Karsts lost all their belongings.
(Story on Page 3, photo courtesy of WNSX Radio)*

Planning Board Grapples With 9 Pit Permits

(Lamoine) - An attorney representing several grave pit owners may have only been half kidding when he referred to the current Lamoine Gravel Ordinance as the “Steve Salsbury Full Employment Act”. Salsbury is an Ellsworth surveyor who represents several of the gravel operators in Lamoine before the Planning Board for extraction permits.

Three companies that operate a total of 9-licensed pits all have applications before the Planning Board. As of late September, the Board was awaiting various pieces of information for each application in order to consider the applications complete.

Salsbury has told the Board that the pit owners are not able to drill the required number of monitoring wells prior to the local permit expiration at the end of October. The additional well requirements in the ordinance that passed last March are

one of several issues being discussed by the pit owners and the town. The ordinance requires a monitoring well for each five acres of permitted land. It also requires the permit holder to perform a water quality tests and to show where the groundwater level sits in relation to the gravel pit floor. The pit owners say installation of such wells is extremely expensive. None of the nine pending applications contained the required monitoring well information.

The Planning Board held two meetings in September and planned two meetings in October to process the many applications. It’s not clear what might happen if the Board is unable to complete the permitting process because the applicants are unable to drill and test the required monitoring wells before the permits expire.

Permit Issuance Steady

(Lamoine) - The summer months generally are the busiest for building permit activity. Between July and October, Code Enforcement Officer Michael Jordan issued 15 permits compared to 17 during the same span in 2012.

The following permits were issued:

#	Name	Project
20	McKenney, Jaye	Steps to Shore
21	Ellis, John	Residence
22	True, Kathryn	Residence
23	Booth, Sarah	Deck Roof
24	Parkinson, Bill	Residence
25	Havey, Keith	Deck
26	Trites, Robert	Steps to Shore
27	Gabel-Richards, S	Deck Roof
28	Walker, Mike	Residence
29	Young, Frank	Garage
30	Walls, Michael	Shed
31	Belch, Anthony	Residence
32	Littlejohn, Rob’t	Expansion
33	Harmon, Laura	Shed
34	Finch, Deborah	Addition

Comprehensive Planning Study Nearly Done

(Lamoine) - At the annual town meeting in March, voters approved of forming a committee to study whether Lamoine ought to update its Comprehensive Plan which was last updated in 1996. The Selectmen appointed Fred Stocking, Catherine Gaianguet, Valerie Sprague, Perry Fowler, Joseph Young, Amy Duym and Merle Bragdon to the committee which met several times between August and September.

The highlight of the summer was a meeting with MacGregor Stocco who coordinates Comprehensive Planning for the State of Maine. His office has provided the committee with a mountain of information regarding the planning process.

The Committee has obtained plans from several other communities along with data on how much it cost to put those plans together. The town meeting charged the committee with making a recommendation and budget proposal for the March, 2014 town meeting on whether to push forward with a plan update. The committee hopes to finalize its recommendation at a meeting on October 23rd.

Land Use Ordinance Changes Under Draft

(Lamoine) - When voters decided (by one vote) last March that the current Building and Land Use Ordinance should exclude enforcement of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC), that set in motion a process to amend the ordinance to reflect that. Code Enforcement Officer Michael Jordan and Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon have begun the somewhat daunting task of reviewing the present ordinance and removing references to various building standards within that ordinance in order to get it ready to present to a future town

meeting. Among the local requirements are a fire resistant roof and siding. But several paragraphs of the ordinance will also require re-wording in order to comply with the state requirement that town’s either comply with the MUBEC standard or choose not to enforce any standard.

The first draft of the proposed ordinance changes went to the Planning Board in September for comment. It’s expected several more drafts will go back and forth for consideration before voters decide, possibly at the town meeting in March 2014.

Conservation Commission has Busy Summer

By Larry Libby, Chair

(Lamoine) - Hiking Trails of Lamoine, written by Commission member David Legere, is now available on the LCC section of the Lamoine web site. It shows several trails open and available for use by Lamoine residents and visitors. More trails will be added as they become available. Their beauty and diversity are an important part of the town and we hope you’ll use them. We are seeking a State grant to improve the Simon Trail off Partridge Cove Road.

The LCC Archives are now available in the town hall thanks to Anne Stocking, Georgianna Pulver and Catherine deTuede who actually knew how to organize and sift through materials collected over 30 years of projects. Included are maps, DVD’s, CD’s, reports, photos on topics ranging from shell fish to aquifer protection to open space. These materials are available to be checked out and used by anyone. A summary of the collection is on the town web site.

Is there something about Lamoine’s natural features or environment that you’d like to know more about? Is there a speaker or a topic you’d like to suggest for a public meeting? We believe that engaging Lamoine residents on conservation topics is an important part of our mission. Let us hear from you.

Shoreline Economic Impact Study Underway

(Lamoine) - How does living on the coast affect the economy of Lamoine? That question is currently under study by a team of researchers from the University of Maine’s Mitchell Center in cooperation with Lamoine’s Conservation Commission.

Economic Researchers Todd Gabe and Caroline Noblet held several meetings this summer with stakeholders in the shore area, including town officials, lobstermen, clam diggers, and others in order to try to determine the true economic impact of being on the shore.

In addition to the lobster and clam industry, there is also a large marine worm digging and mussel industry.

Conservation Commission chair Larry Libby says U-Maine Mitchell Center researchers will use data from Lamoine and several other communities including Sorrento, Hancock, Surry and Blue Hill to provide a comparative report on revenues generated by the marine resources industry. He expects the U-Maine report to be ready prior to the end of 2013.

Mutual Aid, Training & Coincidences Help Extinguish Walker Road Fire

(Lamoine) - A lot of training, preparation, equipment and science go into the ability to extinguish an out of control house fire. It doesn't hurt to be a little lucky at times, either, though the first four items tend to create the last. When the call came in that John & Lynn Karst's house on Walker Road was ablaze September 25th, fire department Lt. Brett Jones was working in his subdivision just a short distance from their home and was on scene in less than a minute. He was able to confirm that no one was inside the burning home when the owner, John Karst came out of the woods where he had been working to clear brush. Mr. Karst is a former member of the Lamoine VFD.

Lt. Jones met the responding pumper truck, pulling off hose and attacking the fire from the outside while interior firefighter Rick Gallegos and Deputy Chief Stu Marckoon put on airpicks and attacked the fire from the inside.

Those initial efforts knocked down enough fire to keep things relatively in check until mutual aid departments from Ellsworth, Hancock and Trenton responded with more manpower to make a full interior fire attack.

In rural communities, water supplies are often an issue. Coincidence number two came into play – the subdivision off Walker Road is one of the newer ones with the required installation of a 10,000 gallon water tank and hydrant. That served as a perfect water source to keep the water flowing to the pumper.

The Karsts insured the house, and coincidence number three is here—their agent is also the fire chief in Hancock who responded to the mutual aid call and he was able to quickly get the ball rolling on the insurance claim.

The state fire marshal's office and the owner's insurance company investigated. According to Mrs. Karst, an electrical problem most likely caused the fire. Mutual aid came from Ellsworth, Hancock and Trenton under the automatic mutual agreement signed several years ago. Coordinating the attack on the burning house was Ellsworth FD Lt. Kevin Bland, who spends most of his spare time on weekends in the winter training firefighters at the Hancock County Fire Academy. Many of those who went into the burning house are his former students.

It took approximately an hour to declare the blaze under control, and another couple of hours to get all the hot spots out. The fire department contacted the American Red Cross to help arrange for shelter that evening for the family. The Karsts will work with their insurance company on a rebuilding plan.

The home was well known in town for its bright red, yellow and pale blue exterior. The efforts by the firefighters kept the flames from spreading into the garage. Though no family members or firefighters were injured, a pet cat perished in the blaze.

was shipped to K&T Equipment in Island Falls for installation of the tank, pump and the rest of the body that will turn it into a fire truck. The total cost for the project is expected to be about \$230,000. The fire department is funding \$25,000 of that cost, plus any overruns caused by change orders.

The new truck will carry 1,800 gallons of water and a high capacity pump which will allow fire attack if necessary. The current tanker is 24 years old.

Fire Dept. Dinner, Auction is October 19th

(Lamoine) - Lamoine's firefighters will serve up the annual clam chowder dinner on Saturday, October 19, 2013 beginning at 5PM at the Lamoine Consolidated School. A new twist this year—there will also be a silent auction, as several items have been donated to the fire department that may be of interest.

The price for the dinner is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. Fire department members will sell tickets door to door on Sunday, October 13th, but tickets may also be purchased at the door.

The fire department opted not to have its annual auction in August due to the proximity of the event with the Maine State Federation of Firefighters Convention. The annual dinner is a major fund raising opportunity for the fire department corporation. Proceeds from the summer will help replenish funds used to contribute to the purchase of a new tanker truck expected to be in service in late fall or early winter. The fire department is contributing more than \$25,000 to that project from funds donated by residents and raised at auctions and dinners over the past several years.

Shooter Sentenced

(Bangor) - A Maine Superior Court judge accepted a plea agreement from Lamoine resident Michael Carter in connection with a fatal shooting incident at his Douglas Highway last year. Carter pled guilty to manslaughter, elevated aggravated assault and possession of a firearm by a felon. He was sentenced to 30-years in the Maine State Prison with all but 16-years suspended. The plea deal avoids a murder trial.

Killed in the incident was 32-year old Lawrence "Randy" Sinclair Jr. of Ellsworth. Two others were wounded in the shooting, as was Carter. The incident took place in the early morning hours of March 11, 2012 when Carter and Sinclair apparently got into a dispute over a truck paint job which escalated into violence.



*Flames lick the roof at the Karst home on Walker Road while firefighters pull down ceilings on the 2nd story to get to the fire
(Photo by Kimberly Grindle)*

Fire Truck Under Construction

(Lamoine) - With luck, the newest addition to the fire truck fleet at the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department will be in service late this fall. The chassis for the truck arrived at Colwell Diesel in July and



The chassis for the new tanker truck is prepared for shipment at the truck dealer

Annual Town Meeting Date Set *Election is March 11, 2014*

(Lamoine) - Are you interested in serving your town as an elected official? If so, you'll want to pick up a nominating petition for next year's annual town meeting which the Selectmen have set for March 11 and 12, 2014. The election day is Tuesday, March 11th. Nominating papers will become available on Monday, December 16, 2013, and signatures of at least 25 registered voters must be turned in no later than noon time on January 25, 2014 to appear on the ballot.

New Computers Purchased

(Lamoine) - Selectmen authorized the purchase of a new laptop computer for Lamoine's Code Enforcement Officer, replacing a laptop that was purchased in 2005. Last year the Board approved of purchasing a new computer to run the Cable TV operation, and that new desktop device was purchased at the same time as the Code Officer's laptop. Both came from an Ellsworth vendor.

The town computers will shortly upgrade to the latest Microsoft Office version, enjoying a bulk purchase made available through Regional School Unit 24. The town maintains a half dozen computers between the town hall and fire station, and the bulk license purchase arrangement will save several hundred dollars.

Annual Audit Released, Finances Stable

(Lamoine) - The annual audit for Lamoine was completed in September and showed the town had \$580,516.25 in the bank at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2013. The undersigned fund balance, also known as surplus, totaled \$366,970.40. That exceeded the \$300,000 goal set years ago by the Budget Committee and Selectmen, based at that time on the amount of cash needed to fund operations for approximately 2-months.

The audit was once again conducted by James Wadman, CPA based in Ellsworth which has been the town's auditor for several years. The full audit report is posted on the town's website and will be printed in the town report for 2013.

In their communication to the Selectmen, the auditors concluded that the financial information provided by town staff was a fair representation of the fiscal activity of the municipality.

The town ended the fiscal year with \$11,138 more in cash than the previous year, but the undesignated fund balance was \$39,411 less than the previous year, primarily due to repayment of a pair of tree growth penalties under a settlement between the town and the penalized parties.

Two town officials will be elected to three year terms next March. The Selectmen's seat is currently held by Cynthia Donaldson who does not plan to seek re-election after serving for three terms. The other seat up for election is a Board of Assessors position, currently held by Terry Towne.

After the municipal election, the open town meeting will be held at the Lamoine School on Wednesday, March 12th beginning at 6PM.

Selectmen Meeting Schedule Changes

(Lamoine) - A relatively quiet summer for the Board of Selectmen saw a 6-week gap between meetings from August to September with members stopping by to sign expenditure warrants in between meetings.

The Board also opted to start meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month instead of the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. This created an issue in November, though, as the 4th Thursday is Thanksgiving. For the rest of the year, the meeting schedule will be October 10th and 24th, November 7th and 21st, and December 12th. There will be only one meeting in December, as the 4th Thursday would fall during Christmas week. Other meetings may be schedule if needed. Consult the town's website.



Caught in the Act
Susie Hokkanson snapped this picture of a bear raiding a bird feeder on Lydia's Lane. Bear sightings were common this past summer.

Ordinance Updated

(Selectmen) - No comments to a proposed change in eligibility levels were offered at the annual public hearing prior to amending the town's General Assistance Ordinance. Lamoine follows the model ordinance developed by the Maine Municipal Association which is updated annually by the Board of Selectmen. This year's update was approved on September 26th.

Selectmen Consider Appointment Policy

(Lamoine) - Selectmen are likely to give final approval to a policy which will guide the board in the appointment process. The issue cropped up during the summer when a citizen expressed a desire to serve on the Planning Board, and the current board chair, John Holt, expressed a willingness to be reappointed to the board. Selectmen opted to interview both people and in a split vote reappointed Mr. Holt who continues to serve as chair.

The Board instructed Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon to draft up a policy to address how folks are appointed to various jobs. He contacted fellow municipal managers in Maine, and found no one really had a policy to offer, so it has taken a while to craft one.

As Selectmen debated the latest draft in late September, there was concern that the board would be obligated to reappoint any appointee who might desire reappointment. The draft for consideration in October will clarify that appointees serve at the pleasure of the Board of Selectmen and that the Selectmen are not obligated to reappoint any volunteer official. Public employment law does limit reasons for non-reappointment of paid officials as there is an expectation of continue employment unless there is just cause for dismissal. Elected officials may only be removed from office by the town meeting by not being re-elected. Lamoine has no recall ordinance.

The proposed policy clarifies the five different classes of appointees—elected, paid/contracted, paid/non-contracted, appointed/unpaid and volunteers who are not appointed by the Selectmen. A copy of the policy in draft form is posted on the town's website and the final approved form will be posted once Selectmen give their blessing.

Court To Decide Property Value Venue

(Augusta) - A hearing is set for October 9, 2013 in Augusta to determine which panel should decide the property tax abatement request from Old Point, Inc. The State Property Tax Review Board says the matter is a valuation dispute and should be heard by the Hancock County Commissioners. The Commissioners say the State should hear the case because the matter involves property enrolled in the tree growth program.

At issue is a parcel of land owned by the Massachusetts based corporation located on Shore Road and extending to Mt. Desert Narrows. The owners have asked for a sizeable abatement, claiming the shorefront is overvalued and should be assessed at tree growth rates.

Phone Company Expands Broadband Lines

(Lamoine) - For years, town officials have listened sympathetically to several folks in town who were unable to obtain high speed, land line based internet service. Those sections of town that are sparsely populated are not wired up to the Cable TV system, and were too far away for the telephone carrier (currently Fairpoint) to offer broadband service.

Rumors ran rampant all summer as residents watched a team of Fairpoint workers installing fancy equipment on Shore Road and Partridge Cove Road. The company finally confirmed on September 18th that it had expanded broadband service to more than 300-homes and businesses in Lamoine. A long list of roads in the news release from Fairpoint's Jeff Nevins included areas in

the Marlboro section of town previously un-served by land lines.

Time Warner Cable had offered to partner with the town to expand its cable lines into a pair of subdivisions, but the town would have to contribute about \$40,000 to the construction costs. The offer came in shortly before Fairpoint announced the service expansion. Selectmen declined to take the offer.

Folks interested in the high speed service are advised to contact the telephone company at 1-866-984-2001 or 1-866-984-3001 for availability and rates. Fairpoint does not offer cable TV programming, so the town's TV channel would not be available through DSL service.

Paper, Cardboard Separate Containers at Transfer Station

(Lamoine) - Users of the Lamoine Transfer Station may have noticed a new container in which to recycle the office/paperboard mix. Because of a high volume of cardboard this summer, it became necessary to haul the large container weekly, which is pretty expensive. By dedicating that container completely to cardboard, the haul rate is now every two to three weeks, cutting the transportation cost to Coastal Recycling significantly.

Pine Tree Waste has supplied an 8-yard dumpster for the mixed paper product and picks that up every other week. It had cost the town some money to process that material, so that processing cost will now be avoided.

Finally, A Smoother State Highway Ride



The paving on Route 184 began at the intersection by the Lamoine Marketplace, and after years of enduring bumps, dips, and holes, the surface became quite pleasant.

(Lamoine) - Motorists who drove on Route 184 in Lamoine for the past 5-years coped with what may have been the roughest ride in Hancock County. That changed dramatically over a 3-week period this past July as the Maine Department of Transportation and Lane Construction put a new layer of pavement on top of the road.

By no means is the job a permanent fix to the state highway. The MDOT is aware that it is only a temporary patch, but they expect the new surface to last 7-to-8 years. The last time the road was repaved was in 2005. The new surface averaged 5/8", and it did not extend to the road

shoulders. In addition to the entire length of Route 184, the MDOT also put a new surface on the Pinkhams Flats and Partridge Cove Road sections of Route 204, which was in nearly as poor a shape as 184. In all, more than 13-miles of state highway was paved.

Not only has MDOT resurfaced the roads, several areas were properly ditched and trees were trimmed back which will promote much better drainage in the winter, and a better opportunity for the sun to work on the snow and ice surface after storms. The town contracts with Richard McMullen to plow Route 204, and MDOT contracts with him to plow 184.

Traffic Light Planned at "Cheese House"

(Lamoine) - Maine DOT officials have confirmed that they plan to install a traffic light at the intersection of Routes 204 and 3 in the fall of 2014. The intersection is located in Trenton, and in the heavy summer traffic, it is nearly impossible to turn left onto Route 3 from the Jordan

River Road. The intersection is well known locally as the Cheese House, named for a circular building on the Southeast corner that used to sell cheese. The town has supported an effort to install a signal at the busy intersection for several years as many residents travel to work that way.

Fall Road Work Planned

(Lamoine) - As winter nears, local contractors will perform some work on Lamoine's local roads. Raccoon Cove Road and part of Seal Point Road will see trees trimmed back significantly. Raccoon Cove in particular is nearly covered by the tree canopy now, and branches have started to interfere with traffic movement.

Deep culverts on Buttermilk Road and Mill Road, with luck, will be less severe as storm drains will lead to cross culverts at the end of the ditches. Those culverts were set fairly deep under each road in order for drains to work.

Several driveway culverts on Birchlawn Drive will be reset, and a pair of cross culverts on Buttermilk Road will also be reset, while a large culvert under Needles Eye Road will need to be replaced. A shoulder on Buttermilk Road needs to be reshaped to promote proper drainage.

Mailboxes and Snow Plows

(Lamoine) - It's tough to think about, but plowing season is not far away. Every year the plow contractor will whack mailboxes along the town roads—it's not intentional.

The Maine DOT reminds folks that mailboxes are installed entirely at an owner's risk. The policy is that if it's damaged during maintenance operations, the owner is not entitled to replacement or compensation. Lamoine's plow contractor does not intentionally hit mailboxes—it's not good for the plows. Mailbox installation standards are available from the post office. State law forbids mailboxes that are a fixed, dangerous object. If you have questions, call Road Commissioner Stu Marckoon.

Lamoine To Change House District

(Lamoine) - Lamoine voters won't be able to re-elect their current state representative in 2014. The town is being moved to a new house district under a reapportionment plan approved by the Legislature this summer.

Currently, the town is represented in the State House of Representatives by Republican Rich Malaby of Hancock as part of District 34. Beginning with the 2014 election, the district number will change to 135 and instead of being grouped with Hancock and several other towns to the east, Lamoine, Bar Harbor, and Mt. Desert will become the only towns in the district. Currently, Democrat Brian Hubbell represents Bar Harbor in its house district.

Lawmakers are required to refigure the legislative districts every 10-years following the census, and the districts must be based on population.

The town will remain with the bulk of Hancock County in its Senate District. That district number will change from 28 to 7. The district is currently represented by Republican Brian Langley of Ellsworth.

The changes take effect with the November 2014 general election which will elect a new Legislature and decide who will be governor for the next four years. The town will still have just one precinct (it votes at the town office). It's believed the town will remain with its current county commissioner district.

Sargent Likely To Back Up At Transfer Station

(Lamoine) - Of the few paying municipal jobs in Lamoine, perhaps the least glamorous is the Transfer Station position. It takes the right person to run the facility, and by most accounts, Bill Fennelly does a nice job keeping things running smoothly and the facility looking as good as it can, for a place that collects and ships trash. Every now and again, he needs a weekend off.

Selectmen have not actively advertised for a fill-in for Fennelly. It pays \$12/hour for 9-hours a day (4-hours on Fridays during the winter), so it's not something anyone will get rich on. Adam Sargent has offered to fill in when needed—Selectmen said they wanted to wait for a meeting in case others were interested. Sargent, who lives across the road from the transfer station, is likely to be formally appointed in October. If others are interested in filling in, they should contact the town office.

Habitat House Dedicated

(Lamoine) - Habitat for Humanity has turned over the keys to its latest Hancock County project to the Boccia-Young family as they have moved into the new residence on Misty Way. The home is specially designed to accommodate their special needs daughter Victoria who is wheelchair bound. The family had been living in a 2nd floor apartment on Route 1 in Hancock, and had to carry Victoria down the stairs in order for her to attend school.

Habitat volunteers, led by Lamoine's Code Enforcement Officer Mike Jordan, worked tirelessly on the new house which features an extensive ramp system to accommodate Miss Victoria. Her parents say the new house will give them a great deal of freedom as they will be able to enter the work force thanks to the new home. They moved to Lamoine in September.

Old Gear Recycled at E Waste Event

(Ellsworth) - The back of Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon's pickup truck was full to overflowing with old computers, broken monitors, keyboard, mice and other old electronic equipment that has accumulated at the town office over the years in mid-July. The Ellsworth Noontime Rotary Club held its annual electronic waste collection day where such items are collected at the Home Depot parking lot and sent for recycling in large tractor-trailer trucks. For years the obsolete equipment had accumulated in the town's storage garage on Lamoine Beach Road. Rules prevent such materials from being collected at the



transfer station. Selectmen approved a small payment to the Rotary Club for safely collecting and recycling the waste.

Little Church Home

(Lamoine) - A replica of the East Lamoine Meeting House has returned to Lamoine after sitting for many years outside a motel in Ellsworth. The church was built in the 1940's and sat beside the former Bennett Home (now the Chocolate Chip B&B) on Lamoine Beach Road. Members of the Bennett family were on hand as a large flatbed truck transported it from High Street in Ellsworth back to Lamoine, where it now sits beside the real East Lamoine Meeting House on Douglas Highway.

Lamoine's Historical Society expressed its appreciation to the Katsiaficas family for arranging for the return of the little church. A fund raising effort to fix up some cosmetic blemishes started in the summer.



Shore, Mill Road Sealed

(Lamoine) - Off and on the town has hired contractors to fill in cracks in the local roads with a rubberized asphalt material to keep water from accumulating in the cracks and making them worse. Usually it is dependent on finding a local contractor to do the work.

In 2013, paving contract Roger Pickard recommended a Bangor area company to do the work. Wilson's Ground Maintenance offered to crack seal the upper portion of Mill Road, and about 2/3rds of Shore Road for just over \$11,000. Selectmen approved of the offer, and used \$5,000 from the previous year road budget combined with about \$7,000 from the current year budget to pay for the work. Within days of the seal job it rained, and the sealant is doing its job, keeping water out of the cracks and preserving road surface.



*Sealing The Deal
Workers from Wilson's Ground Maintenance apply rubber seal coating to the crack along a section of Shore Road*

We Like Little Folks—Group Forming

By Cynthia Donaldson, Selectman

At our March town meeting, the town approved a children's resolve which stated :

To see if the town will acknowledge the importance of its children's very early years; welcome all young children born or residing in Lamoine and wish for them the blessings of healthy development ; a nurturing family and neighborhood; a community that values them; a quality education; and support for them and their families".

As we begin a new school year and our minds turn to children and ourselves as children long or not so long ago, it's time to think about how we might follow up on

that resolve. The suggestion has been made (and discussed by the selectmen) that we set up an "in town" committee, which would meet to discuss our town as a healthy place for young children to grow and develop. There are no town funds involved with setting up such a group, nor would it have any decision making power.

If you would be interested in joining a group to discuss how Lamoine does and might support its young children and their families, please contact Cynthia Donaldson at 667-2382 or email cgdonaldson@myfairpoint.net. You will be welcome to join the group at any point, but knowing by October 15 who might be interested would be helpful.

Community Arts Performances Planned

By Diane Sanderson and Carol Korty
(Lamoine) Lamoine Community Arts is in full swing preparing our 8th fall production, The Constant Wife, a British comedy of marital manners, written by W. Somerset Maugham in 1926. Kathy McGlinchey and Sharon St.Claire are directing the cast of nine actors – all folks you'll recognize on stage! Performances will be at Lamoine-Bayside Grange, the first 2 Fridays and Saturdays in November at 7 PM, with a Sunday matinee, November 10th at 3 PM. Tickets \$10. Call 667-7969 for reservations.

Last May Barbara Bland, Rae Dumont and Dale MacCurdy directed plays for the annual Readers' Theater. In June and July the group helped serve turkey dinners with the Lamoine/Bayside Grange, and we've finished painting the entry steps and ramp into the hall.

Kathie Gaianguet is the new president, elected in August. Annual dues are \$20, and you're welcome to join. Carol Duffy and Bill Reynolds have developed a new website—www.lamoinearts.org. We are also have a Facebook page.

Sadly Missed....

(Lamoine) - According to obituary notices from the local papers, the following folks with Lamoine ties passed away during the last few months:

Robert Schur—Age 66 on July 31

Michael Pierce— Age 56 on July 15

Roger Day—Age 66 in Charlotte NC on August 27

Rosa West—Age 91 on July 24

As we were just going to press, we received word that former tax assessor **Joan Strout** had passed away on October 3 at the age of 84.

Principal Named For Lamoine School

By Gordon Donaldson

With the retirement of Ann McCann, the Lamoine Consolidated School welcomed a new principal in August. Dawn McPhail comes to Lamoine from the Ellsworth Elementary-Middle School where she served as assistant principal/athletic director last year. Prior to that, Ms McPhail taught at the Hancock Grammar School from 1993 to 2000 before serving as the After-School Program Coordinator for Union 92 and RSU 24.

Dawn has lived in Hancock since 1993. She and her husband hail from Howland, Maine. She loves to read, cook, and spend time at the lake with her family. She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education and English from the University of Maine and is currently finishing master's degree work through the University of Phoenix.

Lamoine is McPhail's first principalship and she is very excited to find eager students, hard-working staff, and willing parents to help take our school to new heights. Welcome to Lamoine, Dawn!



Dawn McPhail

Scholars Exercise Minds & Bodies

(Lamoine) - Lamoine Consolidated School's soccer team is halfway through the season. Our 2013 Lamoine Lions are Ivan Andrews, Christopher Cobb, Kaitlyn Tompkins, Aiden Goller, Nathan Mason, Devon Sinclair, Ella Wallace, Jasper Berzinis-McLaughlin, Nicholas Harding and Logan Overlock. Thanks go to Tim Jordan, the team's coach!

The Lions have also fielded a chess team! They've been learning the ins and outs of the classic game every Wednesday

afternoon and soon will be traveling to other schools to compete against other chess enthusiasts!

Lamoine's Robotics team is off and running again this fall. This year, the problem facing school teams is "Nature's Fury"! The Challenge is released in late August and focuses on a different scientific topic or question each year. The Lamoine team must invent a robot to navigate, capture, transport, or deliver objects on a printed mat (the Field). The robot has 2 ½ minutes to complete as many missions as possible. Our team will be competing against teams from other Maine schools and, possibly, move on to competitions beyond the state next spring.



Looking like something from Robert McCloskey's "Make Way for Ducklings", a mama duck and her 6 ducklings march in front of the Town Hall on a family outing, and yes, traffic did have to stop to let them cross the road.

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Flu Shot Clinic In Works: Maine Coast Memorial Hospital is working to schedule a flu shot clinic sometime this fall. As of the publishing deadline a date and time had yet to be confirmed. The clinic will likely take place at the town office. Consult the town's website for further information.

October 2013 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The Budget Committee meeting schedule has not yet been set		1-7PM Planning Board	2	3	4	5-Office Open 8-12
6	7	8	9-7PM Conservation Commission	10-7PM Selectmen	11	12
13-5PM Benefit Dinner @ School	14-Town Office Closed (Columbus Day)	15	16-6:30 PM Shellfish Conservation	17-7PM RSU 24 Withdrawal Information Forum	18	19-5PM Fire Dept Supper/Silent Auction
20	21	22	23-4PM Comprehensive Plan	24-6:30 Selectmen 7PM Public Hearing (both at school)	25	26-Office Open 8-12
27	28	29	30	31		

November 2013 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The Assessors Meeting Date will be posted on the town’s website when it is set.					1	2-Office Open 8-12
3	4	5-Election Day 8AM to 8PM	6	7-7PM Selectmen	8	9
10	11-Office Closed, Veterans’ Day	12-7PM Planning Board	13-6PM School Adv Cmte @ School 7PM Conservation Cmsn.	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21-7PM Selectmen	22	23
24	25	26	27	28-Office Closed, Thanksgiving	29	30-Office Open 8-12

December 2013 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3-7PM Planning Board	4	5	6	7-Office Open 8-12
8	9	10	11-7PM Conservation Commission	12-7PM Selectmen	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24-Town Office Closing at Noon	25-Town Office Closed (Christmas)	26	27-Transfer Station open 8am-5pm	28-Office Open 8-12
29	30	31-Town Office Closing at 2PM				

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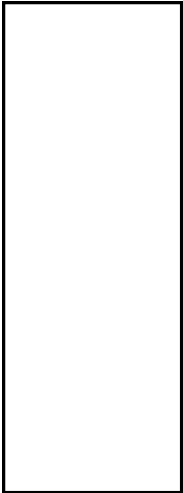
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